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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, September 20.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 82; Min. 75. Weather, cloudy.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.95c.; Per Ton, \$79.00. 88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 11½d.; Per Ton, \$81.70.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HOMICIDE LAST NIGHT IN HARBOR

Engineer McKinnon of Rosecrans Killed by an Oiler.

A. F. McKinnon, third assistant engineer of the steamer Rosecrans, was killed on board that vessel last night by John Wynne, one of the oilers. The deed was committed in the cabin of the dead man about nine o'clock last night, death following a blow on the temple from a hammer, the blow being given in the course of a quarrel between the two men. No one was present when the fatal blow was struck except the slayer and his antagonist and no cause for the quarrel has so far been told by the man now under arrest and held in custody at the police station.

McKinnon, whose body lies at the Queen's Hospital, was a brother of Joe McKinnon, who for some years was a clerk at the receiving desk at the police station. He has made several cruises to this port in the Rosecrans and has many friends in Honolulu. His home is in San Jose, California, where his parents now reside.

The first intimation the police had of any trouble on the oil steamer, which had docked at the railroad wharf yesterday morning, was about nine o'clock, when the chief engineer arrived at the police station in search of a doctor, informing the officer in charge of the station that there had been a fight aboard the vessel in the course of which the assistant engineer had been hurt. The patrol wagon was sent at once to the vessel and the injured man taken to the hospital. Before the police wagon had arrived there, however, the man had died. An examination at the hospital showed that his right temple had been crushed in by a blow from some blunt instrument.

In the meantime the police had arrested the homicide, John Wynne, one of the oilers, who acknowledged having struck the fatal blow. The weapon used by him was one of the heavy hammers used by the mechanics aboard steamers. This is in the possession of the police as evidence.

No statement could be obtained from the arrested man last night, the only details of the crime obtainable being supplied by the chief engineer, who states that he was awakened by the cries of the members of the crew, who stated that murder was being committed aboard. The engineer hastened to the cabin of McKinnon, from whence the noise of a struggle came, but before he arrived the noise ceased and he was just in time to meet the oiler coming out, brandishing a hammer and announcing that he had done it. He added, it is said, the hope that the blow he had given McKinnon had killed him, which hope was too well realized.

Deputy Sheriff Jarrett will empanel a jury this morning for an inquest. McKinnon, who is a young man, came ashore last night early and visited at the home of Robert Bemrose, on Hotel street at the corner of Alakea street, leaving there about seven o'clock. Before joining the ship he called in at Scotty's, staying there until a few minutes before nine o'clock. He was perfectly sober at the time he left for the ship, all the time he was at Scotty's refusing to drink. At no time during the visit did he refer to any trouble he had had aboard the Rosecrans, nor is it known, so far, of any trouble had during the voyage with the oiler Wynne.

This is the first case which may prove a murder the present police department has had to deal with, Honolulu having been singularly free of this capital offense for many months.

Captain Lawless, of the S. S. Mariposa, has been proposed for membership in the Royal Geographical Society in recognition of his services to navigation by the invention of the stellar azimuth machine. This machine is now being tested in the United States Navy.

HOWLAND WILL HAVE TO GO

E. J. Lord Says No Work Until Department Is Cleaned.

"I am going away on business in connection with the dredging contract obtained by the Hawaiian Dredging Company for the new slips," said E. J. Lord yesterday as he was about to board the steamer Siberia, for the Coast, "but I want to say before I leave Honolulu that there will be no work done under this contract until the Department of Public Works is cleaned out from top to bottom. It is understood in official circles that Howland is to resign on November 1, and with him are to go both the Howlands. When they are gone the contractors can commence work with the assurance that no unnecessary stumbling blocks will be put in their way. The only reason that the various contractors have for being glad that Howland is to resign is that Howland will step out at the same time, because the worst thing that any of us have against the Superintendent of Public Works is that he has let Howland run amuck and do things that no man of experience or of good judgment would do. Howland himself is a man of good personal judgment and a man with whom the various contractors could get along, but no contractor so far has been able to get along with Howland. Howland is a man who knows nothing of what he undertakes to oversee and makes up for his ignorance with his officiousness.

"I understand that James T. Taylor will be the next Superintendent of Public Works. At least, that is the information given me by those men whom I suppose know what they are talking about. Howland's term does not expire until the twenty-third of November, and it is possible that he may hold office until that time, but I hope not, if Howland has to stay until he is kicked out. It doesn't look as if he would quit before, no matter what the Legislature or the public may think and say about it.

"As soon as I return from Columbus, Ohio, I am going to start proceedings against the government for payment for the work I did on the contract for laying the bar-lock pipe to the Nuuanu reservoir. On that contract I have done nothing since about the first of May, and I don't intend to do anything until I get my money for what I have done. The time limit on that contract expired some time last July. If I am so much (Continued on Page Three.)



ENTRANCE OF THE VATICAN, WHERE TROOPS ARE STATIONED TO PROTECT THE POPE FROM POSSIBLE RIOTERS.

LIONEL HART CONFESSES HIS PART IN WAREHOUSE FIRE

Rode to Scene of Crime in Style in an Auto and Applied the Torch---Trail Leads Police Into Unexpected Places.

Lionel Hart confessed yesterday that he was the hand that applied the torch to the government kerosene oil warehouse on the morning of Sunday, August 18, in an unsuccessful attempt to destroy the warehouse, with the great store of oils and gasoline there, in order to cover up the evidence of his thieving from the Standard Oil Company. He has not, so far, it is understood, attempted to implicate George H. Mayer, the company's local manager, although he persists in charging Mayer with being responsible for a large part of the oil shortage and of having had a knowledge of his shortages.

This confession was wrung from Hart yesterday when he was confronted by evidence, obtained by Sheriff Lauka, proving conclusively that he had been at the warehouse only a few minutes before the fire broke out. This evidence was obtained by the Sheriff, it is stated, through information coming to him indirectly that a Japanese chauffeur

could tell all about Hart's share in the matter. The chauffeur was seen and Hart was arrested, the arrest taking place at an early hour yesterday morning, his bondsman in the meanwhile having withdrawn his surety and asked that the man be locked up.

The tale of the chauffeur is that Hart engaged him to drive about town early on Sunday morning, so that he could be seen and have an alibi established. Then he was told to get down to the warehouse as quickly as possible. He drove fast and stopped at the makai side of the stockade. Hart climbed the fence, waited inside a few minutes and climbed back out of the yard, telling the driver to get out of the neighborhood as soon as he could. The fast driven machine was seen, however, by a Hawaiian woman, who recognized Hart and whose confidential telling of the tale to friends resulted in its reaching the sheriff's ears and the arrest of Hart.

Yesterday at the final session of the fire inquest a verdict was rendered to the effect that the fire had been of incendiary origin with Hart as the guilty person. The session was held in secret, it being given out that there was evidence likely to come out to implicate others in addition to Hart in the oil shortage. If any such evidence was given, however, it was carefully suppressed after the jury had been discharged.

In his confession as to the manner in which he had entered the warehouse to fire it Hart stated that the theory of the police as to the breaking in of the bird's-nest window was correct.

At the police station the amount of information given out regarding the whole matter is very meager. It is generally supposed, however, that the arson case against Hart will go direct to the grand jury and into the Circuit Court, without any District Court proceedings. From the secrecy observed it is generally supposed that the investigation into the fire is leading into deeper matters than had been supposed at first and some further sensational developments may be looked for.

It was stated yesterday that the auditor of the Standard Oil Company will arrive here shortly from San Francisco to conduct an investigation of his own into the affairs of the company here.

FEDERAL COURT OFFICER PULLED FOR GAMBLING

Loo Joe, the Chinese interpreter of the United States Court, was up in the police court yesterday with six companions, all charged with gambling. The Federal interpreter and his friends were indulging in a little game of draw in a well-known resort on Nuuanu street when the police arrived and called all the bets. United States District Attorney Breckons appeared as attorney for the accused and at his request the trial was postponed until Monday.

TROOPS AT VATICAN GUARD THE POPE FROM ANY RIOTERS

Trouble Feared by Roman Government Did Not Materialize---Gold Standard for Chinese Empire.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

ROME, September 21.—Troops were quartered all day yesterday in the premises of the Vatican in order to protect the Pope and the headquarters of Roman Catholicism from any possible damage from rioters, whom it had been expected would break out yesterday on the anniversary of the fall of the temporal power of the Popes. The anniversary passed, however, in quietness.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S IMMENSE WEALTH

NEW YORK, September 21.—In the Standard Oil investigating trial it has been brought out in evidence that John D. Rockefeller owns two hundred and forty-seven thousand, six hundred and ninety-two of the total shares of the Standard Oil company, his holdings being valued at one hundred and nine millions of dollars. It was also shown that these shares had depreciated in value during the past ten years to the amount of one hundred millions. The University of Chicago is given at the trial as the owner of five thousand shares of the company.

FORD JURY IS COMPLETED.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 21.—The jury for the trial of Tiley L. Ford has been completed and the trial of the attorney of the United Railroads will now be proceeded with.

GOLD STANDARD FOR THE CHINESE EMPIRE

WASHINGTON, September 21.—Among the Chinese reforms contemplated is that of a compulsory education of the masses in preparation for the establishment of the gold monetary standard throughout the empire. The reformers state that this step is necessary to preserve the national integrity of the Chinese Empire.

ARREST BY WHOLESALE.

LODZ, September 20.—Eight hundred workmen in a mill whose owner was recently murdered by employees, have been arrested.

FATAL MEXICAN RAILROAD WRECK.

EL PASO, September 20.—Forty were killed and thirty-four injured today in a collision on the Mexican Central.

COLLISION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20.—One person was killed and three injured in a collision between a street car and a locomotive.

CHANGES IN COAST POLICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20.—Chief Biggy has appointed Captain Kelley chief of detectives, and made many other changes in the police force.

POPULAR ASSEMBLY FOR CHINA.

PEKING, September 20.—An imperial edict issued today authorizes Princes Puleum and Sun Chanai to prepare for the establishment of a parliament.

WILL SEE NEW SUBJECTS.

TOKIO, September 20.—The Crown Prince of Japan will visit Korea in 1908.

OLAA JAPANESE BADLY SLASHED BY COUNTRYMEN

(Special Wireless to Advertiser.)

HILO, September 20.—There was a fight at Olaa, three Japanese against one, over the ownership of firewood. One man was knocked down with a club and then slashed with a butcher knife so badly that his wounds required seven stitches. The victim will probably die. One assailant escaped capture. VICARS.

GIFFARD APPOINTED.

Governor Frear yesterday appointed W. M. Giffard a member of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry to succeed A. W. Carter, who recently resigned.

Mr. Giffard was a member of the board, and its president and executive officer until he went away to the mainland last May, when he resigned.

Superintendent of Public Works C. S. Holloway was then designated by Governor Carter as president and executive officer. When Mr. Giffard returned, a couple of weeks ago, Governor Frear asked him to again assume the duties of president and executive officer, but he did not see his way clear to do it, so that for the present at least Mr. Holloway will continue as president and executive officer.